

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records between 18 and 21 February 1953:

B - boxcar
C/B - converted boxcar
F - flatcar

Date in February	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
18	13 C/B, 1 B, 44 F with vehicles	Esperstaedt	Altengrabow
	11 C/B, 1 B, 35 F with vehicles	Esperstaedt	Altengrabow
	10 C/B, 1 B, 34 F with vehicles	Esperstaedt	Altengrabow
	11 C/B, 3 B, 34 F with vehicles	Rossleben	Ohrdruf
20	6 C/B, 1 B, 18 F with vehicles and tanks	Meiningen	Ohrdruf
	15 C/B, 1 B, 27 F with vehicles	Plauen	Ohrdruf
	3 C/B, 8 F with vehicles	Dresden regional railroad headquarters	Ohrdruf
	7 C/B, 1 B, 7 F with vehicles	Dresden regional railroad headquarters	Ohrdruf

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21 8 C/B, 2 B, 4C F
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2. On 26 February, about 300 soldiers and 60 T-43 tanks were loaded at the Cottbus railroad station for Baruth. ³
3. On 27 February, a troop train carrying about 120 VPs was observed at the Cottbus railroad station, coming from Grossenhain and proceeding to Berlin. ⁴
4. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records between 27 February and 1 March 1953:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
27 February	13 C/B, 6 B, 42 F with vehicles	Dallgow-Doerberitz	Forst Zinna
1 March	7 C/B, 2 B, 32 F with vehicles	Dallgow-Doerberitz	Altengrabow ⁵

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2. Comment. Elements of the 655th How Arty Regt, of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were transferred to Ohrdruf on 18 February. Other elements of this regiment were transported to Ohrdruf on 18 February. Elements of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Plauen in the Dresden regional railroad headquarters probably followed on 20 February. Elements of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt, returned to their military post at Glauchau on 21 February. They probably were the unit which, on 14 February, had been transported from Glauchau to the area of Zeitz to participate in practices of the 20th Gds Mecz Div.
3. Comment. Other sources observed a troop train with six tanks and trucks of the 9th Mecz Div going from Cottbus to Baruth on 26 February. The movements and loadings were in conjunction with the exercises of the 9th Mecz Div in the Cottbus-Baruth area.
4. Comment. VP Cadre Div 1916 which, since the fall of 1952, has detached either untrained or shortly-trained recruits to Armeegruppe Nord is stationed in Grossenhain. It is believed that the troop train mentioned in the present report carried such troops.

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